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SUBJECT:MINNESOTA GALLERY OF ART EXHIBIT

REF: MOSCOW 19624, MOSCOW 19805

1. DEPT PASSED CONTENTS REFTEL TO SHISSLER. SHE SENDS
THE FOLLOWING.

2. CURATOR SAKHAROVA AND WORKS OF ART ARRIVED IN MINNEAPOLIS SAFELY AUGUST 17. HOWEVER, SAKHAROVA SAYS WORKS OF ART FROM HERMITAGE WHICH COMPRISE A LARGE PART OF THE SHIPMENT CANNOT BE OPENED UNTIL HERMITAGE CURATOR PRINTSEVA ARRIVES. DYUZHEV HAS NOW AUTHORIZED SAKHAROVA TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPENING HERMITAGE GRAPHICS, BUT OTHER CRATES (DECORATIVE ARTS) MUST AWAIT ARRIVAL OF PRINTSEVA. WE THEREFORE NEED PRINTSEVA ASAP. ALL CRATES MUST BE OPENED AND WORKS INSPECTED BY SEPT. 11. INSPECTION WILL BE CONDUCTED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SOVIET SIDE AND BY DAVID DUDLEY, DIRECTOR OF NORTHWEST CONSERVATION CONSORTIUM. MR. DUDLEY DEPARTS ON VACATION SEPT. 11 AND WILL
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NOT RETURN UNTIL AFTER OPENING OF EXHIBITION. PLEASE
INFORM MINCULT SO THAT ARRIVAL OF RELEVANT PERSONNEL WILL
BE IN TIME TO ACCOMMODATE THESE DEADLINES.

3. JOHN BOWLT HAS BEEN UNABLE TO REACH INGOSSTRAKH BY
TELEPHONE DUE TO UNUSUALLY HEAVY NUMBER OF TELEPHONE CALLS
BEING PLACED TO RUSSIA FROM THE UNITED STATES. HE WILL

TRY AGAIN ON MONDAY. WE STILL NEED TELEPHONE CALL OR
TELEX FROM BUTROVA OR INGOSSTRAKH TO CONFIRM FINAL
INSURANCE ARRANGEMENTS AND TO IMPLEMENT SIGNING OF AMENDED
PROTOCOL. WE STILL WISH TO DELETE THE PHRASE "PREMEDITA-
TED ACTS" FROM THE PROPOSED INSURANCE AMENDMENT. PLEASE
TRY TO GET INGOSSTRAKH AND MINCULT TO AGREE TO THIS
DECISION. WE WILL ACCEPT INCLUSION OF THAT PHRASE ONLY
MOST RELUCTANTLY AND IF ALL ELSE FAILS. PLEASE BARGAIN
HARD FOR US ON THIS POINT, ESPECIALLY IF BOWLT CONTINUES
UNABLE TO REACH INGOSSTRAKH BY TELEPHONE.

4. HAVE JUST RECEIVED REF B. SHISSLER LEARNED FROM
DYUZHEV ABOUT AUGUST 30 FLIGHT TO NEW YORK. DATE IS
ACCEPTABLE. HE DID NOT KNOW AUG. 22-23 AIR FRANCE FLIGHT
NUMBER--WILL CONVEY TO SHISSLER.
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